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SUBJECT: KOREAN QUESTION IN THE UN

REF: (A) STATE 225930, (B) SAN SALVADOR 3831

- 1. I CALLED ON ACTING FONMIN CASTANEDA SEPT. 24 AND HAD THOROUGH DISCUSSION OF KOREAN ISSUE WITH HIM IN WHICH I PRESSED HOME ALL POINTS CONTAINED IN STATE 225930 AND EMPHATICALLY SOLICTED A GOES VOTE OF SUPPORT FOR OUR RESOLUTION AND OPPOSITION TO NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION. I ALSO LEFT MEMORANDUM DETAILING OUR POSITION.
- 2. IT WAS EVIDENT FROM CASTANEDA'S RESPONSE THAT HE FULLY APPRECIATED THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO THIS MATTER AND THAT HE SUPPORTS OUR POSITION. INDEED, HE READ ME A RECENT MEMORANDUM FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTER TO PRESIDENT MOLINA SUMMARIZING THE KOREAN ISSUE AS IT IS SHAPING UP AT THE 30TH UNGA AND EXPRESSING A PREFERENCE TO SUPPORT THE US RESOLUTION. HOWEVER, BOTH THE MEMO AND CASTANEDA CITED THE INHIBITING FACTOR OF THE GOES INTEREST IN THE ELECTION OF AQUINO AS FAO DIRECTOR GENERAL AND THE NEED TO AVOID ACTIONS WHICH MIGHT PREJUDICE ITS EFFORTS TO GARNER VOTES FOR HIM (SEE SAN SALVADOR 3326). THIS CONTINUES TO BE A DILEMMA FOR THE GOES WHOSE ONLY EVIDENT CONFIDENTIAL

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SOLUTION LIES IN THE HOPE THAT THE FAO ELECTION IN NOVEMBER WILL

PRECEDE THE DEBATE AND VOTING ON THE KOREAN ISSUE IN THE GA.

3. HOWEVER, IF THE TIMETABLE DOES NOT OFFER SUCH A SOLUTION, I BELIEVE WE CAN HELP THE GOES RESOLVE ITS DILEMMA IN OUR FAVOR (ASSURING ITS NEGATIVE VOTE ON THE NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION AND ITS SUPPORTIVE VOTE FOR OURS) (A) IF WE COULD DECIDE TO SUPPORT THE AQUINO CANDIDACY, DO SO WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY, AND CONVEY THAT DECISION PRIVATELY TO THE GOES. THIS WOULD SERVE GOES IN RALLYING VOTES TO COMPENSATE FOR ANY AQUINO MIGHT LOSE FROM GOVERNMENTS WHICH ARE SUPPORTING THE NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION; OR (B) IF WE COULD RALLY LATIN AMERICAN SOLIDARITY (SAVE CUBA) FOR OUR RESOLUTION THEN THIS WOULD ENABLE GOES TO VOTE AS PART OF SUCH A BLOC WITH RELATIVE IMPUNITY. COVERSELY, IF MAJORITY OF LATIN AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS WERE TO OPT FOR ABSTENTION IT WOULD PROVIDE A PROTECTIVE COVER FOR GOES TO DO LIKEWISE; AND BE DAMAGING TO OUR INTERESTS.

4. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR ME TO KNOW SOONEST DEPT'S ESTIMATE OF WHEN KOREAN AGENDA ITEM IS LIKELY TO BE REACHED FOR DEBATE AND ITS LATEST ASSESSMENT OF VOTING LINEUP ON THIS ISSUE. CAMPBELL

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